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BATTERIES, AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERIES

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References JP-51-134836, JP-59-207560 and JP-11-40146 are not in the English language, but were cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. A copy of this English language search report,

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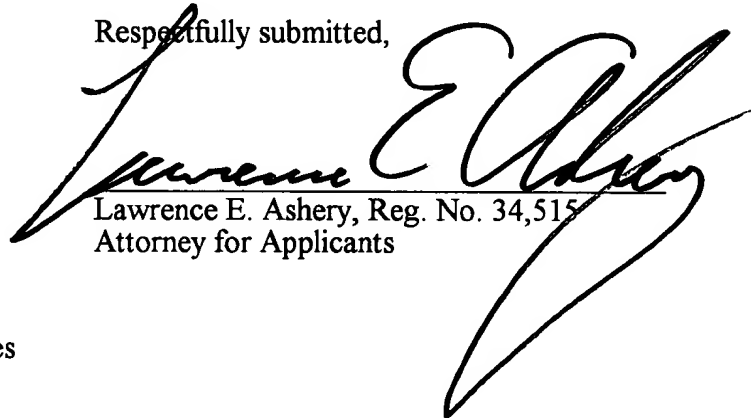
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indicating the degree of relevance determined by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith.

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